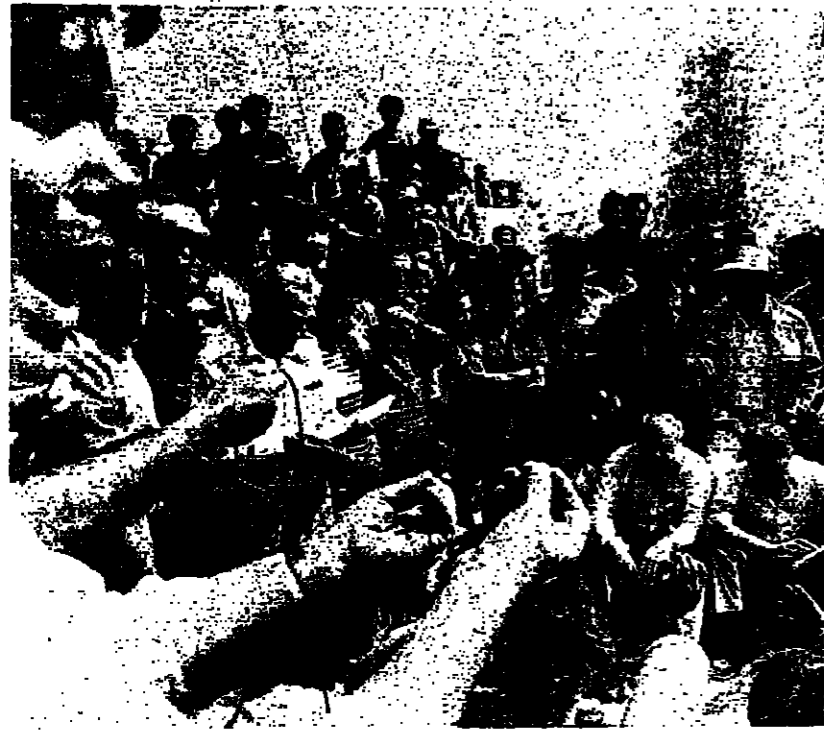


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The meeting of Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir (seated) with the Neot Sinai settlers in the vegetable patch lasted less than 10 minutes. (Lester J. Millman)

## 3 killed, 14 injured in Petah Tikva blast

By YORAM BAE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**PETAH TIKVA** — Two women and a baby were killed yesterday morning when an explosive charge hidden in a bus stop roof exploded in this 100-year-old town. Fourteen others were injured by the blast, for which the PLO spokesman in Beirut claimed responsibility. Six people were still hospitalized last night, one in serious condition. Police rounded up some 80 Arabs for questioning, but by late last night most had been released. Police held 20 for questioning today. Fifteen people were waiting for the bus on Stamper Street when the charge went off at 10:30 a.m. Two of the women were holding babies in their arms as they waited for the bus.

Asi Amal, of the Arab village Bara, held her 4-month old son. Wounded in her face and legs, Amal told *The Jerusalem Post* from her bed in Beilinson Hospital: "I heard a great explosion and felt my body bleed. I thought of nothing but my baby, who was covered in blood. I burst into tears. I hugged him and immediately was put on an ambulance which brought us to the hospital."

"Only here I was told my baby was safe and sound, but for a few seconds," Amal said in tears. "But Amal's friend, who was standing at the station with her 13-year-old daughter, was not so fortunate. Sol Abu-Drum, also from the village of Bara and her daughter were killed in the explosion. Sara Eichenbaum, 52, of Moshav Mazor was also killed. Private ambulance driver Sami

Dinar, who was less than a km. away from the site, arrived within 10 minutes, according to passersby. The driver told *The Post* that from the moment he heard the explosion: "I understood immediately that a disaster had occurred and went by the smoke to the bus stop. 'I saw people lying on the ground and started to get those in the worst condition onto the ambulance. I put eight persons and two babies, one of whom looked in hopeless condition to me into the ambulance, and took them to Beilinson Hospital. I arrived there in less than three minutes,'" said Dinar.

Police vans and taxis, which arrived within a few minutes, took the rest of the injured to Hasharon Hospital. But moving them was hindered by a large crowd which arrived there after people heard the explosion, eyewitnesses said. In their initial investigation, Petah Tikva police found the explosive had been placed between the asbestos roof of the bus stop and the metal pillars supporting it.

The deputy commander of the sub-district, Sgan-nitzav Shimon Savir, told *The Post* that this method of placing explosives is not common. "It's very rare," he said, "because it's very dangerous. It's a soldier's kidnapping station on the way to Ashdod, was also inserted between the roof and the metal supporting it. The atmosphere in Petah Tikva yesterday afternoon was stormy, as some men sought to vent anger on a few Arabs working in the town. But town residents intervened saying: 'Don't cause mutual hatred between the Jews and Arabs living here. That's exactly what the murderers want...'

## Army to evict Neot Sinai settlers today

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT and HIRSH GOODMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

**NEOT SINAI** — The IDF was due to evict the Neot Sinai settlers from the vegetable patch this morning, unless they leave of their own free will.

Yesterday there was a brief opening for a peaceful settlement with the moshav residents, after Defense Minister Ezer Weizman met with a group of them and promised they would get land to replace the garden that is to be transferred to Egyptian sovereignty on Friday.

But the settlement fell through when a majority of moshav members turned down Weizman's offer, and last night OC Southern Command Gen. Dan Shomron visited the settlers and asked them to leave. He said that he gave express orders not to let men soldiers evict women, and that women soldiers would evict the women who are among the hundreds of protesters sitting in at the field.

The settlers yesterday armed themselves with clubs and held battle drills in anticipation of an encounter with soldiers over the return of their vegetable field to Egyptian sovereignty tomorrow.

A bloody clash loomed as men filled black plastic pipes with sand to serve as clubs. They climbed the roof of a central structure in the field 40 km. southwest of the Neot Sinai house where a man was seen showing how to roll barrels down on persons trying to climb up. "There is secret equipment here," a guard said when a reporter was not allowed to climb the roof.

The main building was surrounded by barbed wire, tree trunks, tires, and a tractor burned earlier this week. The 300 squatters were joined by MKs Geula Cohen, Moshe Shamir, and Haim Druckman, who came to show their support.

The Neot Sinai secretariat vowed to continue the struggle after Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali rejected a last-minute appeal to let the settlers continue working the 2,000 dekan field.

Yesterday the High Court of Justice also dismissed the petition of three Neot Sinai residents ruling that "from a legal point of view it is clear that a military governor has the authority and right to remove people from the area. That is one of the central pillars of any military government."

Weizman and Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir flew down to Neot Sinai yesterday and saw Ghali during his meeting with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan in El-Arish.

"We barged into the room," Tamir told the squatters later. He said that Weizman and he explained the last-minute goodwill gesture, but Ghali said Egypt too has problems of the first degree. "When the demonstrators agreed, Tamir implored, 'are you present Egyptian leaders... are you danger of their lives. It includes the Egyptian president.'" But the settlers were not impressed.

Talking under a tamarik tree, Tamir begged them not to provoke another Altelena affair (when Jewish soldiers killed demonstrators on the Tel Aviv shore highway). "I know how it began," Tamir said. "With a spit in the minister's face, abuses like 'traitors' and 'Egyptian agent' which a defence minister heard (here today). It starts off with a few words and then you see the dead bodies. Tamir was referring to yesterday morning's clash with Weizman."

That visit was brief. Weizman was greeted by shouts to which he replied, "One of the first babies I dropped in my life was of El-Arish" (Continued page 2)



Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali answered reporters' questions yesterday at a press conference in the military governor's office in El-Arish. (Lester J. Millman)

## Weizman, Ali will meet privately in Beersheba

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
Post Military Correspondent

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and his Egyptian counterpart, General Kamal Hassan Ali, are scheduled to meet for consultations in Beersheba tomorrow. Both ministers will be in the Negev capital for the opening session of the autonomy talks, but will confer privately in order to round off several technical details regarding the redeployment in the Sinai and Ali's pending visit to Israel.

All, together with Egyptian intelligence chief Lahib Sharab and the head of the Egyptian delegation to the Egypt-Israel joint committee, Brigadier Seif Adin Abu-Sina, are slated to visit Israel in June. It is still not certain when they will arrive or the complete makeup of the Egyptian delegation.

The visit reciprocates Weizman's trip to Egypt as Ali's guest in April, and a trip by Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan and O.C. Military Intelligence

Yehoshua Saguy earlier this month. Weizman and Ali are also expected to discuss the agreement reached in principle between Israel and Egypt that the two countries would effect the Sinai redeployment without the UN, if the Soviets impose a veto on a change in the status of the current peace-keeping force. According to the Camp David agreement, the UN was supposed to conduct periodic checks on the implementation of the agreement and its provisions.

They were also to redeploy as a buffer on the Ras Muhammad-El-Arish line after the interim withdrawal in eight months' time, and eventually redeploy after three years to the international boundary.

When it became apparent that the Soviets planned to block UN participation in the peace agreement, Israel and Egypt agreed in principle to a bilateral arrangement, perhaps using the good offices of the U.S., but not necessarily so. It is this agreement that will be further reviewed by Weizman and Ali tomorrow.

## Begin, British 'agree to differ' on settlements

By HYAM COONEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**LONDON** — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's reception for Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday was warm and cordial. But Begin said he and some of the British leaders "agreed to differ" on Israel's settlement policy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We had a very good talk in a very friendly atmosphere," Begin said after the luncheon meeting, which was also attended by Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

"On one issue a difference of opinion with Lord Carrington became clear," Begin said. The premier said he gave his hosts a copy of the Israel Supreme Court decision that said the settlements were not illegal.

"If that does not convince the British, we shall have to agree to differ," Begin said.

He said he was "surprised" that Egypt had announced that the borders between Israel and Egypt would not open on Sunday when he meets with President Anwar Sadat, and promised he would take up the issue with Sadat when they meet.

At the end of the premier's second day in England, Israeli officials accompanying Begin said that the new Tory government "is no better and no worse" than the previous Labour administration.

Begin apparently is making no effort to modify his positions for British ears. He has been presenting Israeli policy as he sees it, and while he may not be converting many opponents, he is leaving no doubt as to

his thinking on the issues. The Jewish community has given him a royal welcome, with the chief rabbi calling him "the custodian of our national destiny."

Begin is due to meet U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance today. He told Jewish leaders here he would ask Vance to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry when top U.S. officials meet with Soviet leaders for the SALT summit in Vienna in June.

## Israel navy to sail canal on weekend

SUEZ CITY (UPI). — Three Israeli naval units will sail through the Suez Canal next weekend, shipping sources said yesterday.

"They said the Ashdod, the Askelon and the Achziv will arrive at Suez early Saturday from the Red Sea and proceed north to Port Said and the Mediterranean on the same day or Sunday."

"They will be the first Israeli naval ships to go through the canal in accordance with the peace treaty signed on March 28."

The 4,500-ton Israeli cargo ship Ashdod, owned by the Zim Company, transited the waterway on April 20. It was also the first ship flying the Israeli flag to make the trip since the 1948 founding of the Jewish state.

The sources said the Assut Shipping Agency at Suez informed the Suez Canal Authority about the planned passage of the three naval units.

# No accelerated normalization, Dayan told

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Egypt does not intend to speed up the process of normalization with Israel, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was told yesterday at a meeting in El-Arish with Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali.

Dayan went to meet Ghali, according to his aides, to establish authoritatively, before Israel finally pulls out of El-Arish tomorrow, whether there would be an open border there, as Premier Menachem Begin announced after his meeting with President Anwar Sadat in Cairo in March.

But, though Ghali spoke categorically of his intention, he conceded that this could still change following the Begin-Sadat meeting in El-Arish and Beersheba this Sunday.

In some Jerusalem circles yesterday there was sharp criticism of Dayan for having initiated the meeting with Ghali, and thereby fostering the impression that Israel was pressing for accelerated normalization. These circles maintained that any acceleration would serve the interests of both sides and Israel must not be seen to assume the role of requesting it. They also contended that Ghali has shown himself during the peace process to be less than authoritative and is sometimes not as covariant with Sadat's latest thinking.

But Ghali announced yesterday that there would be no open borders — not even for the inhabitants of El-Arish — until 8 months from now, the time specified in the peace treaty package for the beginning of normalization.

Dayan was more circumspect. He told newsmen that the meeting with Ghali yesterday had indeed proceeded on the assumption that the borders would remain closed for the next 8 months.

"But all this is if there is no change in the timetable of the normalization, as Premier Begin wants, as indeed we all want, and as Begin says President Sadat promised."

By homes elsewhere that Begin and Sadat reached agreement (on an early border opening), then we'll have to make different arrangements; for border posts, visas, and other matters..."

Ghali denied that there had been a change in Egypt's position on the pace of normalization, since the Sadat-Begin meeting in Cairo. "President Sadat was talking about general principles. We are talking about the application of these principles," he explained to newsmen after the 90-minute meeting with Dayan.

Asked what, then, "open borders" meant, (in Begin's announcement after the Cairo summit), Ghali spoke of "the value of the symbol: the leaders can see each other, have contacts. But the application will take time."

Israeli sources said Dayan did not question Ghali directly as to what, in the Egyptian view, transpired between Begin and Sadat in Cairo. But Ghali had volunteered that he

would be happy if Sadat did indeed decide with Begin this Sunday to go ahead with a declaration of open borders. At any rate, Ghali had said, he was certainly not authorized to agree to any acceleration in the pace determined by the peace treaty.

Dayan said the perpetuation of closed borders at El-Arish for the coming eight months would mean:

- that Israeli fishermen would have to stop fishing in Egyptian territorial waters in the Bardawil Lagoon;
- that, similarly, Egyptian fishing boats would not be able to enter the territorial waters of the Gaza Strip, as they have been doing until now;
- that the workers from El-Arish who have been employed in the Rafah settlements or in Israel proper will not be able to continue at their jobs;
- that farmers in El-Arish who cultivate land that is situated on the Israeli side of the line will be unable to cultivate it; and

The only exception to the closed border situation will be the laundry of Neot Sinai. As agreed during Premier Menachem Begin's visit to Cairo, the settlers will be able to continue operating their laundry. They will be issued with special passes, which will enable them to freely enter and leave the laundry area (which will be nominally Egyptian territory).

There will be an Egyptian checkpoint through which the settlers will be required to pass, and through which the truckloads of laundry — almost all of it from army units in Sinai — will also enter and exit.

High Israeli sources said last night they still believed Sadat and Begin would "declare open borders," as the prime minister has repeatedly pledged, but that the "open borders" would be strictly limited in terms of who will be permitted to cross them.

Some Israeli sources feel that pressures may well build up within El-Arish upon the Egyptian authorities there to permit at least some measure of traffic with Israel.

For instance, these sources said, there were still many El-Arishis who held considerable sums in Israeli currency and had not managed to change them. No currency-transfer has yet been made between the Israeli and Egyptian officials — and thus these currency-holders will be pressing the authorities to enable them to unload their Israeli liras.

Israel and Egyptian civilian officials are expected to meet fairly regularly — even if the borders remain closed — to discuss problematic issues, and also to coordinate preparations for the eventual start of full normalization in eight months' time.

One problem that is likely to come up long before the eight-month deadline is that of U.S. students studying in Egypt. In the past, they have been allowed to cross the lines in Sinai, and thus travel directly from their homes to their colleges or vice-versa.

Possibly, though, Israel may not make this arrangement conditional upon some reciprocal benefit.

## Air force raid on Lebanon; PLO says 14 killed, 50 hurt

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Israel Air Force planes yesterday attacked terrorist targets in Southern Lebanon. All planes returned safely to base.

The army spokesman did not mention where the aircraft attacked or offer any description of the targets. PLO reports from Beirut claimed the attack was on Damur, Naameh and Alchiyeh, and had left 14 Palestinians and Lebanese dead and 50 wounded. The raid lasted half an hour, these reports claimed. It was said to have been carried out by two squadrons.

According to the Associated Press, which quoted a PLO communique, a sponge manufacturing plant, a school and a refrigerator plant bore the main brunt of the attack in

Damur. Quoting the communique, AP said that in nearby Naameh, which has a population of 8,000, "residential targets were bombed and rocketed."

Reporters in Damur spoke of stepping among giant shell craters when they were suddenly faced with a blazing explosion that they attributed to time bombs or mines dropped by the IDF planes. They say they saw three terrorists killed when a delayed action bomb tore through their anti-aircraft position.

The radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed the planes dropped American-made cluster bombs that killed one terrorist and wounded 10.

Press agencies linked the air strike with the terror bomb in Petah Tikva.

## Bert Lance indicted on bank charge

**WASHINGTON (UPI)** — Bert Lance, the country banker who was President Jimmy Carter's budget director before past financial dealings came back to haunt him, was indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday on bank irregularity charges.

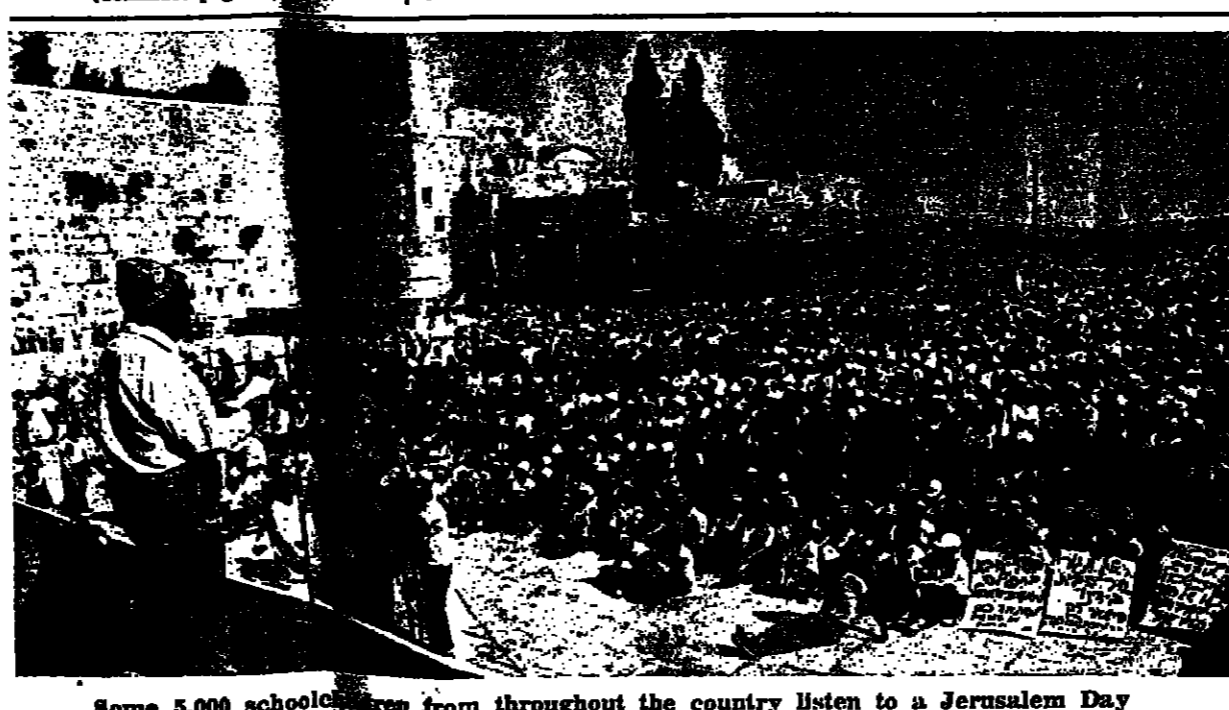
The U.S. Justice Department announced the indictment by a grand jury in Atlanta, which had been investigating the case since January

24, 1978. Lance, 47, was indicted on 22 counts of conspiring to commit banking violations, including defrauding the government.

Lance and three other persons were named in the indictment. The indictment charged that they conspired to defraud the government by influencing 41 banks to make \$20m. in loans to themselves.

A separate grand jury in Atlanta is investigating loans of nearly \$17m. made to Carter's peanut companies by the Northwest Georgia Bank. One of the others indicted was formerly president of the bank.

Once described by Carter as "one of the closest friends I have in the world," Lance could face five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.



Some 5,000 schoolchildren from throughout the country listen to a Jerusalem Day celebration speech by Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin yesterday at the Western Wall plaza. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

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## Four held in country's largest opium haul

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Austrian UN observer and three Armenians from East Jerusalem have been arrested in a police drug operation in which 85 kilograms of pure opium worth an estimated \$150m. were recovered.

The police raid over the weekend was the result of a five-month surveillance operation which resulted in the biggest opium haul in Israel's history. At a press conference yesterday, investigators showed reporters 48 parcels of the drug.

The detained Austrian is Walter Wiedl, 50, a civilian employee at the UN observer force headquarters in Jerusalem. The Armenians are Maharan Matossian, 50; Mardus

derstoo, 58, and Benj Matossian, 22, all of the Armenian quarter in Old City. All four were arraigned at the Jerusalem magistrate's court earlier in the week.

Police asked the court to publish the case to avoid compromising their investigation, and the ban was lifted yesterday. No arrests are expected.

The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that cars belonging to the Armenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem were examined by police on Tuesday. The action is understood to have been taken following reports of very old links between the Matossian family — a well-known and old Armenian family in Jerusalem — and a leading Armenian religious dignitary.

The police investigation is understood to have started last February when the special operations unit of the Jerusalem police received information that, they say, indicated that the Matossians were involved in a huge drug-smuggling operation with links all over the Middle East. Inspector General Haim Tavori then ordered a special team of the intelligence section of the national police, headed by Deputy Commander Ish Shalom, to take over the investigation.

Surveillance from high buildings in the eastern part of the city was but one facet of the intensive detection work that followed.

Last Saturday, convinced that a major operation was due to take

place, the detectives decided to act. The police allege that the Matossians gave Wiedl two cardboard boxes containing the opium in their "Roxby" photographic store in the Old City. Wiedl placed the cartons in the trunk of his private Mercedes Benz and then drove to Gaza where, the police say, he was to pass it to another go-between. Arrested before he reached Gaza, Wiedl told the detectives that he did not know what he was carrying.

The Matossians, who are not cooperating with their investigators, claim that they have never seen Wiedl before. But police say the Armenians have been seen visiting Wiedl's house in Ein Kareem on several occasions.

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## J'lem Day events draw thousands

Jerusalem Post Staff

An unprecedented 16,000 schoolchildren from throughout the country are due in the capital today to celebrate Jerusalem Day marking the reunification of the city in the Six Day War.

Paratroopers who fought for the Old City, defenders of the city during the 1948 War of Independence, and members of the Jewish Agency Executive are also due in the capital for the 12th anniversary of the reunification.

The schoolchildren were organized by the Education Ministry for their march into the city. They are due to begin their six separate parades at 5 a.m. from spots outside the capital, and by 4 p.m. are due at the Hebrew University sports stadium for festivities.

A ministry spokesman said the unprecedented number of schoolchildren will march under the banner "Peace on Jerusalem" and he said the purpose of the project is to "deepen the relationship between youth and Jerusalem."

## Plot to disrupt Sadat visit to Beersheba

**TEL AVIV (Iltm)** — Three Tel Aviv University Arab students were arrested yesterday for allegedly plotting to disrupt Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Beersheba.

A magistrate court judge ordered the three remanded for 15 days. A police investigator testifying at the court said the three "belonged to a terrorist organization called the Secular Democratic Organization," which seeks to establish a democratic secular state in place of Israel.

## Egyptians hold up on autonomy position

The Egyptian delegation to the autonomy talks, headed by Premier Mustapha Khalil, will not now forward Cairo's position document which is diametrically opposed to Israel's autonomy plan. The decision was taken yesterday when Egypt's approach to the negotiations was reviewed at a 3 1/2 hour meeting between President Anwar Sadat, his deputy, Vice-President Husni Mubarak, and Khalil.

The Egyptian delegates were earlier reported to be coming with "working papers" proposing an agenda for the autonomy talks, the formation of tripartite committees to handle various aspects of the projected autonomy, and proposals for the "promotion of a suitable climate" for the negotiations. These proposals were said to include re-

quests that Israel remove the military government presence from West Bank and Gaza towns, freeze settlement there and release Arab political prisoners.

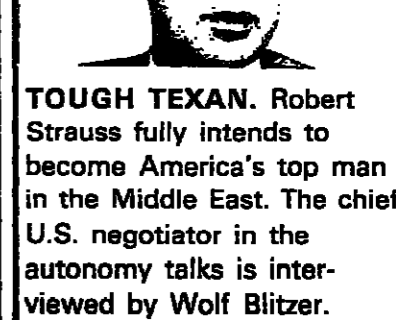
## TALL TREES. El-Arish, long famous only for its stately palms, is in the world spotlight this week.

Abraham Rabinowitz visited the town a few days before its return to Egypt.

## TALKING TO TOMMY. Yosef (Tommy) Lapid, the Broadcasting Authority's new director-general, tells Judy Siegel how he feels about the controversy which has developed during his seven weeks in office.

All this and much more in tomorrow's Weekend Edition of

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL President Yitzhak Navon, Mayor Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem Chief Rabbi Shalom Meir Kahane and city council members were among those present at the dedication of the Reich Synagogue in Jerusalem's Givat Hamivtar quarter last night.

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Police uncover major theft and fencing racket

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — A 17-man gang, believed to have stolen and traded \$500m. worth of property, has been exposed by the Holon police.

Burg, Sharon, Nissim confer on speech to open talks

By DAVID LANDAU Post Diplomatic Correspondent Interior Minister Yosef Burg, chairman of Israel's team to the autonomy talks which are to open tomorrow, yesterday reviewed the main points of his opening speech with two other members of the negotiating team.

Yadin wins apology from 'Haolam Hazeh'

TEL AVIV (Him). — Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin has withdrawn a \$100,000 libel suit against the "Haolam Hazeh" magazine, after its editors apologized about articles that charged Yadin was unscientific in his work and took valuable artifacts from one of his digs.

'Wild' bosun gets fine, suspended jail term

JERUSALEM Post Reporter HAIFA. — The merchant navy's "wild" bosun, Moshe Levy, was given a nine months suspended jail term and fined \$12,000 by Magistrate Haim Fisan this month, after he had admitted to threatening Zim lawyer Abraham Anaby.

Hebron bombings hit civilian offices

Jerusalem Post Reporter Three bombs went off in three different places in Hebron early yesterday morning causing considerable property damage but no injuries.

IAF ready to buy 12 Arava planes

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent The Israel Air Force has reportedly made a favourable decision to purchase several Arava STOL aircraft from the Israel Aircraft Industries.

NEOT SINAI (Continued from page one)

(In 1948). It was before you were born." Later, when he asked the settlers to abide by the Knesset decision and leave, participants shouted and pushed until Weizman was forced to leave.

VAT men swoop on Allenby, net millions

By SELOMO MAOZ Jerusalem Post Reporter A fashion house in Tel Aviv's Allenby Road has not reported to the VAT authorities since 1976 and was prepared to admit on the spot to concealing \$1.1m. in back income.



Tens of thousands of religious Jews demonstrate in "Sabbath Square" yesterday to protest Mayor Teddy Kollek's plans to build a new sports stadium in Jerusalem.

Massive demonstration in Geula J'lem stadium attacked as 'pagan'

By AARON SITTNER Jerusalem Post Reporter Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek's plan to build a large stadium and sports complex in Shuafat came under attack by religious Jews again yesterday as a record throng of protesters — estimated at tens of thousands by police — demonstrated against the plan in the Geula quarter.

Veteran diplomat Hanan Yavor, at 67

Jerusalem Post Reporter Hanan Yavor, veteran Israeli diplomat, financial adviser and a founding member of Kibbutz Kfar Hamaccabi, died yesterday in Tel Aviv after a prolonged illness at the age of 67.

Yeshayahu seriously ill

Yeshayahu, a patient in the urological department, was operated on two days ago. President Yitzhak Navon, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir and several ministers and MKs have visited him.

My beloved sister LINA COLMAN (Steinberg) has died after long suffering in New York.

Melitta Schildkraut In very deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear mother, sister and grandmother.

Fishermen still netting off El-Arish coast

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — The Israeli fishing fleet yesterday was still hard at work off Sinai, west of El-Arish, as reports circulated regarding the Egyptians' intention to stop Israeli trawling activities forthwith.

To Amnon Barnes We offer sincere condolences to you, your mother and family on the death of Dr. NAHUM RISO BAR-NESS

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In deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved mother LENA BARRETT

of Johannesburg. Toni (Barrett) Rabinovitch and family — Arad, Allison Barrett and family — Calgary, Canada.

World Zionist Organization PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING CLOSE OF JERUSALEM DAY Thursday, May 24, 1979, at 6.30 p.m. at the Western Wall

FORGERY. — A woman who forged cheques without cover by using a false identity card was given a two-year prison sentence yesterday in the Tel Aviv District Court.

DIASPORA EDUCATION PRIZES AWARDED The Shazar prizes for excellence in Jewish education in the Diaspora were awarded yesterday to an American Jew who has worked in the field for 60 years, and to schools in Montevideo, Strasbourg and Montreal.

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Beersheba rolls out the carpet this weekend

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Nawi had his hands full preparing for what he calls "Operation Sons of Abraham" — or Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's meeting with Premier Menachem Begin and President Yitzhak Navon in Beersheba on Sunday.

Nawi professed to be delighted by the upcoming visit, but said "the city will not make a carnival out of the festivities. There will be no camel races," he promised.

On Friday morning, Israeli, Egyptians, Americans, and an expected 900 members of the press will descend on Nawi's city. The Egyptian delegation to the autonomy talks will arrive by helicopter at about 1:15 p.m., led by Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will head the American representation, and Interior Minister Yosef Burg will lead the Israeli delegates.

Navon will then be escorted indoors to the mayor's office, where he will be greeted by Nawi. Sadat and his entourage will enter the plaza a few minutes later at 2 p.m. to be met by a 21-gun salute and an orchestra which will play the Egyptian and Israeli national anthems.

Be fruitful, multiply, says govt programme

A government programme was unexpectedly revealed to the Knesset on Tuesday evening by Deputy Minister Yoram Avidor. Michael Harish (Alignment) had cited statistics showing a substantial decline among Jewish Jews in the years 1975-78.

Coalition splits on NII premium transfer

The Knesset yesterday witnessed the rare sight of two top coalition members taking opposing positions in replying to the same motion for the agenda. And then it saw one coalition faction vote against the government, and two opposition factions vote for it.

63 KILOS OF OPIUM

Jerusalem police show their 63 kilo haul of opium, packed up in 48 bags — the largest ever made in Israel. It is valued at IL30m. (Rahamim Israeli)

No 'blemish' to aide's book that praises Begin

The propriety of an adviser to the prime minister writing an adulatory biographical book about Premier Menachem Begin was the subject of a parliamentary question to which Deputy Minister Yoram Avidor replied on Tuesday evening.

We will not rest until all USSR Jews free to leave

Minister without Portfolio Moshe Nisim yesterday promised that the government will not rest until all the Prisoners of Zion now being held in Soviet jails are freed and all Jews in the Soviet Union who wished to come to Israel are permitted to do so.

Lahat's performance rapped by Labour

TEL AVIV. — The Labour opposition in the Tel Aviv municipality is helpless to act against rampant waste and inefficiency in city hall, opposition leader Asher Ben-Natan told reporters yesterday.

Eytan Belkind, 82 of Nili fame

Eytan Belkind, veteran Rishon LeZion settler and member of Nili, the Yishuv's secret pro-British organization that operated here under Ottoman rule during World War I, died in Rishon LeZion on Tuesday.

One last rally for striking nurses

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The 8,000 striking non-hospital nurses return to work tomorrow, winding up their three-day warning strike.

Halhul mayor in U.S.

WASHINGTON. — "Some Arab governments oppose a free Palestine coexisting with Israel because they are aware of the superior education and technical skill of the Palestinians," said Halhul Mayor Muhammad Milhim here yesterday.



Jerusalem police show their 63 kilo haul of opium, packed up in 48 bags — the largest ever made in Israel. It is valued at IL30m. (Rahamim Israeli)

Arabs shelve vote against Israel at WHO conference

GENEVA (UPI). — Arab nations, facing certain defeat, yesterday shelved a resolution demanding the suspension of Israel's voting rights in the World Health Organization.

TA dedicates IL18m. youth centre in Hatikva Quarter

TEL AVIV. — The city's largest community centre, Beit Danny Mosevics, was opened yesterday afternoon in the Hatikva Quarter. The IL18m., three-story building, the Mosevics family, the Tel Aviv municipality and the government, is consecrated to the memory of Danny Mosevics, a pilot killed seven years ago in a flying accident.

DANCE. — The Tiberias municipal dance troupe yesterday won the northern district's annual competition, which was held in Afula.

BOYING. — A boating demonstration by naval cadets in high schools throughout the country will be held today along the Yarkon River in Tel Aviv. Kayak competitions are to be included in the annual event.

Academics seek to reopen Bir Zeit

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter Some half-dozen lecturers from the Hebrew University met yesterday with members of the academic staff of Bir Zeit and Bethlehem Universities to discuss ways of publicizing Bir Zeit's demand that it be permitted to reopen.

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Israel Broadcasting Authority The Jerusalem Khan Weekly Chamber Music Concert The I.B.A. presents a concert in David Chen's 'Contrasts' series at the Jerusalem Khan, May 27, 8.30 p.m.

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Canada votes Clark in, Trudeau out

OTTAWA (Reuter). - The Progressive Conservative Party, headed by political novice Joe Clark, won the Canadian general election on Tuesday night, but will be about five seats short of an absolute majority in the 322-seat House of Commons.

Clark's victory left the Conservatives poised to end the 11-year rule of Liberal Premier Pierre Trudeau, the West's longest-serving leader. With all but a few seats to be declared, the Conservatives had or were leading in 137 seats, the Liberals had 113, the socialist New Democratic Party 28 and the Quebec-based Social Credit Party six.

defeats were credited to public weariness with Trudeau's sometimes autocratic rule. Early in his career, Trudeau gained a reputation for toughness. In 1970, he invoked the War Measures Act, a form of martial law, when the separatist Front De Liberation Du Quebec kidnapped Quebec Labour Minister Pierre Laporte and British diplomat James Cross. Laporte was killed, but Cross was later released. Trudeau tried for a bilingual but tight federation, and insisted on a firm economic policy. He also initiated internal government reforms which concentrated power in the prime minister's office at the expense of parliament.

France stops aid to Bangui

BANGUI, Central African Empire (Reuter). - France is suspending military aid to this country until results of an inquiry into an alleged massacre of children are known. The French Cooperation Ministry made the announcement yesterday in Paris.

country, one of the world's poorest, whose economy is close to collapse. Meanwhile, in an interview with the French newspaper "Le Matin," Emperor Bokassa's exiled oldest son, George, said a popular revolt could topple his father. "He is finished. The atmosphere has changed over the last six months. Before, people were terrorized. Now they speak out and demonstrate," he said.

Thatcher government appoints UN delegate

LONDON (Reuter). - Britain's new Conservative government named Sir Anthony Parsons as its permanent representative to the UN yesterday.

former Labour government who resigned this month. A specialist on the Middle East, Sir Anthony was ambassador to Iran for five years until returning to the Foreign Office last January as a deputy to the head of the office.

Guerrillas slay Salvador minister

SAN SALVADOR (UPI). - Leftist guerrillas assassinated El Salvador's Minister of Education, Carlos Antonio Herrera-Rebollos, and his chauffeur yesterday, police said. The assassination came within hours of 14 students being shot to death by police near the occupied Venezuelan embassy.



West German President-elect Karl Carstens, who called on Scheel after he won election as fifth president of the Federal Republic of Germany yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

Former Nazi elected W. German president

BONN. - The opposition Christian Democrats regained the West German presidency yesterday with the election of Carl Carstens, whose candidacy had been criticized because of his Nazi past. The pre-election manoeuvring revealed Carstens had joined the Nazi party when he was a 23-year-old law student.

Some of the 1,200 protesters, mainly young people, carried a banner reading "no to Carstens. No to any rehabilitation of Nazis." They were ordered by police to remove the Nazi uniforms, which are illegal. Carstens, who entered parliament only seven years ago after spending most of his career as a civil servant, won the presidency with 828 votes, an absolute majority in the 1,098-seat assembly.

General jailed in Iran for alleged Israel ties

TEHERAN. - The Iran state radio said on Tuesday that Lt. Gen. Manuchehr Vajdi, a former military attaché in Washington and a senior official of army security intelligence, had received a 15-year prison term and Lt. Gen. Reza Parvaneh, a former department head of Savak, the secret police, a 12-year term.

shah as he had been condemned by a revolutionary court, defended all the executions so far carried out. (Estimates range from 215 to 322.) Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan said yesterday he favoured a general amnesty in Iran which would enable the government to deal with pressing issues, such as reviving the economy, instead of occupying itself with problems arising out of political arrests, according to the official radio.

French lawyer Serge Klarfeld, a prominent campaigner against anti-Semitism, was in Teheran yesterday to protest against the execution of a Jewish businessman found guilty of supporting Israel. Klarfeld said "contact with Israel and Zionism is not a crime anywhere in the world." The prosecution of Habib Elghanian, executed on May 9, opened Iran's revolutionary authorities to charges of anti-Semitism, said Klarfeld, who is a member of the International Committee of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism. He compared the sufferings of the Iranian people under the shah to those of Jews under the Nazis.

Yesterday striking dock-workers met to discuss whether to end their 17-day strike, which has crippled Iran's largest port, but they failed to reach a decision. The workers held their meeting inside the sprawling complex of Khorramshahr port and were addressed by their representatives amid shouts of solidarity between the Arabic-speaking and Persian-speaking dock workers. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

'New reality' in Rhodesia, Vance says after UK meet

LONDON (AP). - U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance wound up his first series of talks with British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe yesterday at pains to avoid the impression that the U.S. and Britain have fallen out over the new British initiative on Rhodesia.

Asked if the U.S. held a similar view, Vance replied: "There is a new reality and we must recognize there is a new reality. However, we (the U.S.) still have to review the entire situation before the president makes his determination." In Salisbury yesterday, the predominantly black House of Assembly completed the creation of a Senate, parliament's upper house, in another stage in the process of establishing a majority rule administration.

Emerging with Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington from the Foreign Office, Vance declared that the U.S. must also recognize that a "new reality" exists in the war-torn, breakaway British colony following the mid-April election of its first black-dominated government. But Vance, and officials accompanying him, made it clear the U.S. has no plans to join Britain in sending an envoy to Salisbury, and that U.S. President Jimmy Carter will make an independent determination on the validity of Bishop Abel Muzorewa's new government. Pressed by reporters, Vance said he agreed with the British decision to send an envoy to Salisbury.

Black politicians elected last month to serve in the House of Assembly elected 10 blacks to the Senate. All 10 were members of Muzorewa's United African National Council, which has 51 of the black seats in the House of Assembly. Five senatorial candidates put up by tribal chief Kayunga Ndlovu's United National Federal Party, which has nine house seats, were defeated. The election was boycotted by the Rev. Ndabandabi Sithole's Zimbabwe African National Union, which won only 12 house seats and has called for last month's election to be declared null and void.

'We won't forget,' chant anti-Vietnam war protesters over McNamara award

CHICAGO (Reuter). - In a throwback to the anti-Vietnam war demonstrations of the 1960s, more than 1,000 people staged a protest against World Bank President Robert McNamara receiving an award for promoting international understanding.

Vietnam war as secretary of defence in the John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson administrations. "The last person who should receive an award for contributing to international understanding is Robert McNamara," said Vietnam war veteran Thomas Walker, who led the demonstration. He said the university was "incredibly stupid and insensitive" in choosing McNamara for the \$25,000 award in memory of the late Albert Field, who headed a large hotel chain. Nearly one-third of the university faculty signed a petition dissociating themselves from the award.

U-2 flights needed, U.S. tells Soviets

WASHINGTON (UPI). - The U.S. has told the Soviet Union that Senate approval of a SALT II treaty could hinge on Soviet approval of U-2 monitoring flights along its southern borders, U.S. officials said yesterday.

flights are needed to replace some of the monitoring data which has been lost because two U.S. intelligence monitoring stations in the northern part of Iran were closed. Meanwhile in Geneva, U.S. and Soviet SALT delegations met for one hour while experts stepped up the pace of work on the final text of the treaty to be signed at a Vienna summit on June 18. The meeting between full delegations was the 29th since the current SALT round began in 1972. The next session was scheduled for May 30.

Basques plotted to kidnap Chaban-Delmas

BORDEAUX (AP). - Basque separatists plotted to kidnap Jacques Chaban-Delmas, the number four man in the official French hierarchy, sources disclosed yesterday. Chaban-Delmas, 64, is speaker of the French Parliament and mayor of Bordeaux. He served as prime minister under the late President Georges Pompidou.

Dangers of suntan

PRETORIA (Reuter). - Police who suspected a white woman of breaking South Africa's immorality laws had to drop the case when they burst into her flat and found that her dark-skinned companion was a white man with a suntan. Earlier this week, the five policemen and a civilian security officer went on trial here, charged with trespassing and entering the woman's flat without a search warrant. Sex between whites and other races is outlawed under South Africa's Immorality Act.

Menten's arrest sought pending retrial

THE HAGUE (Reuter). - A public prosecutor has asked for the arrest of multi-millionaire Pieter Menten, who was ordered by the Dutch Supreme Court to face a second trial on war crimes charges, a Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The application was made by the chief public prosecutor in Rotterdam, where the new trial will take place. A date has not yet been fixed, but the trial is expected to last for several months. Menten is accused of taking part in the machine-gunning of people in the Polish village of Podhorodec in 1941, when he worked for the Nazi SS as an interpreter. In December, 1977, an Amsterdam court found him guilty of helping to shoot between 20 and 80 Poles, mostly Jews, and jailed him for 15 years.

Search begins for Dora Bloch's body

KAMPALA (Reuter). - Ugandan authorities will begin exhuming bodies this week at a site where the remains of British-Israeli citizen Dora Bloch are believed buried, Deputy Interior Minister Lutakome Kayira said yesterday.

The minister declined to identify the site of Bloch's supposed burial place because he said soldiers of Amin's defeated army could be in the area and might try to destroy the grave. Kayira told reporters that work would begin in the next day or two on exhuming two or three bodies for identification tests.

Defeated Khmers troop into Thailand

KLONG KWANG, Thailand (UPI). - Defeated soldiers of the Pol Pot regime streamed into the Thai village of Klong Kwang by the hundreds and tossed down their guns and grenades. The 400 soldiers told Thai security forces yesterday that they were fleeing "relentless" Vietnamese pressure.

Keeping the refugees in Thailand has brought criticism from Vietnam and the pro-Hanoi administration in Phnom Penh. In addition, they must be fed and housed, and few if any nations would be willing to take Khmer Rouge as refugees. Sending them back to Cambodia has brought criticism from the U.S. and humanitarian groups, who charge the Bangkok government has forced refugees to probable death in a Vietnamese offensive.

Anti-Egypt move weighed by Iraq

HAVANA (Reuter). - Iraq will seek the suspension of Egypt from the 86-nation Non-Aligned Third World Bloc because of its peace treaty with Israel, visiting Iraqi Vice-President Taha Mohamed Ma-rouf said on Tuesday, according to Cuban news agencies. Egypt is a founder-member of the movement.

Peace-keeping force will leave Zaire

KINSHASA (Reuter). - The 2,500-man Pan-African peace-keeping force based in Shaba province since a rebel invasion there last year will start pulling out from July 1, the local Zairean press reported yesterday. The withdrawal, phased over a three-month period, was announced by President Mobutu Sese Seko on Tuesday in Kigali, Rwanda, where he has been attending the Franco-African conference, the newspapers said.

UN to decide on S. Africa sanctions

UNEP/NATIONS (Reuter). - The General Assembly, which yesterday opened a week-long session on Namibia (South West Africa), is expected to call for sanctions against South Africa for failing to implement a UN independence plan for the territory.

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A final decision on sanctions will rest with the 15-nation council.

PROCLAMATION by THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND THE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE ON JERUSALEM DAY, 1979

To the Jewish People Throughout the World: "PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: THEY SHALL PROSPER THAT LOVE THEE." Let us say to Jerusalem, the City of David: "PEACE BE WITHIN THY WALLS, AND PROSPERITY WITHIN THY PALACES."

On this day, which marks the reunification of the Capital of Israel on 28 Iyar, 5727, during the Six Day War, now an official holiday of the people of Israel, these verses take on new significance.

For we have begun to walk in the path of peace. Peace between Israel and Egypt, the largest of the Arab nations, after thirty-one years of hostility and war. We hope and pray that this peace will grow and become stronger, for the benefit of all the peoples of this part of the world.

Many are those who seek to destroy the peace of Jerusalem. To all of these we say, and we shall say again and again: There has never been, nor will there ever be another people for whom Jerusalem has played so central a role as it has for the Jewish people.

Jerusalem is the heart of the People of Israel. Jerusalem is the center of the Land of Israel. Jerusalem is the Capital of the State of Israel. Jerusalem is in the heart of every Jew.

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The name Zion embodies the very essence of Zionist teaching. This name has been the soul and inspiration of Zionism throughout its eighty years of existence, eighty years of miraculous achievement.

As we stand before the Remnants of the Holy Temple and pay tribute to the memory of those who fought and died so that we should come to this day, the reality of Jerusalem Rewritten is uppermost in our hearts and minds. On this day, we will proclaim again to all the world: Jerusalem is writed forever, and it shall be our mission to achieve, in our generation, the first million of Jewish citizens in our Capital.

With this commitment, the call "Let us rise and go up to Zion" takes on new meaning. It is a call to practical action. It is a call to new heights of achievement.

Let all of the Jewish people share on this day in the joy of Jerusalem Rewritten. Let us give to our beloved Capital the primacy of our concern. Let us share in its building, both in matter and in spirit.

Let us proclaim to the whole world: Come up to Zion. This is the vision of Israel. This is the Zionist Vision, shared by all of us. This is the vision of a people who have given to the world Jerusalem as the Eternal City, Jerusalem the City of Truth, Jerusalem the City of Justice and of Peace.

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SHIFTING GEARS IN CANADA

By CHARLES LAZARUS/Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE DEFEAT of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's Liberal Government in Tuesday's Canadian election, after holding power for 11 years, has stunned the rest of the world possibly more than it has Canadians.

The reason is simply that polling of voters in recent weeks repeatedly indicated to Canadians that whichever of the two major parties won more seats in the 282-member House of Commons, it would do so with a minority status.

The results now show that the Progressive Conservatives led by Joe Clark, won 136 seats; the Liberals won 114; the left-of-centre New Democrats won 26; and the right-of-centre Social Credit won six.



Pierre Trudeau...into opposition (Dulpis)

QUEBEC FRANCOPHONE nationalism, even in its most extreme form, has rarely surfaced with any kind of anti-Semitic manifestations; however, the problem is that Canadian Jews, although they can hardly be described as forming a political bloc, have traditionally supported the Liberals, and formed a vital part of the English presence of Quebec.

When he volunteered the promise, Clark was put on the spot, so to speak, because he could not explain how and when this would be done without a concerted move by the United States, and without tampering with the delicate relations between Canada and the Arab states.

But during a recent election debate on national television, Joe Clark revealed that he is somewhat less than familiar with the problem of moving the Canadian Embassy to Israel's capital by stating that plans are still viable to transfer the embassy to "West Jerusalem" - not realizing, apparently, that Israel in-

sists on the total and united Jerusalem being accepted by countries with whom it enjoys diplomatic relations.

Another point at which the new government may run into trouble with the Jewish community is over the failure by Clark to commit himself to open Canada's doors to unrestricted immigration by Jews facing persecution in such countries as Syria or Iran, saying merely he would act to urge other nations to uphold the human rights provisions of the Helsinki agreement.

During the election campaign, Trudeau volunteered unrestricted admission to Canada of Jews from Iran and other areas of oppression - "without reference to the usual selection criteria."

Finally, on the Arab boycott question, where the Trudeau Government has always fallen short of declaring that participation in the Arab boycott is illegal, as has the U.S., being satisfied merely to refuse government assistance for firms trading under boycott restrictions, Clark has stated unequivocally: "My party has been committed to effective anti-boycott legislation for over two years, along the lines of the tough law passed by the (provincial) Progressive Conservative Government in Ontario, and the U.S. legislation passed in 1977."



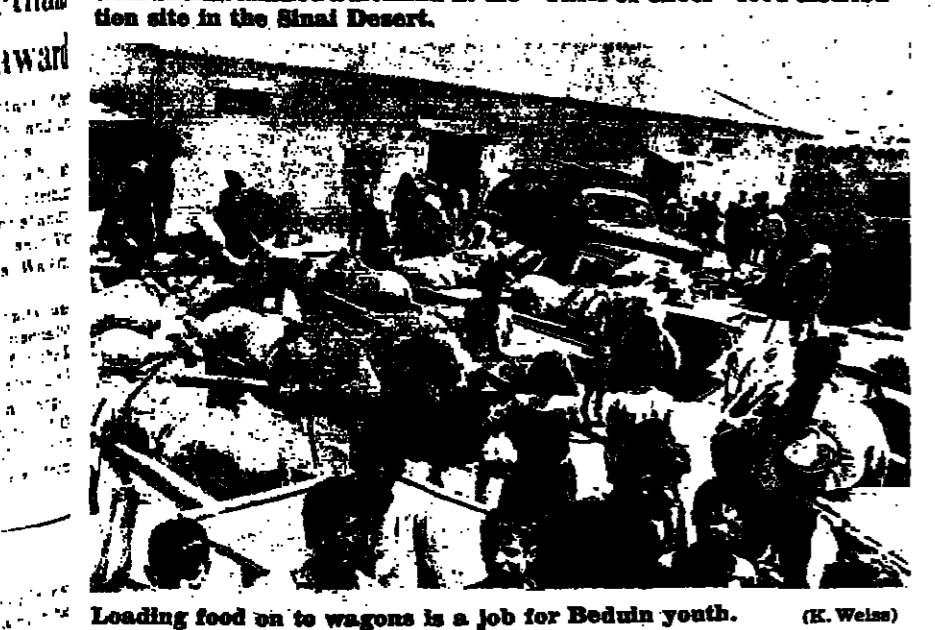
Joe Clarke...election promises



Instruction on automobile mechanics at an Israeli-operated vocational training centre for men at El-Arish.



Israel's Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Israel Katz (right) with Sheikh Ahmed Suleiman at the "Oasis of Cheer" food distribution site in the Sinai Desert.



Loading food on to wagons is a job for Beduin youth. (K. Weiss)

The surprise in store for Sadat

By AARON SITTNER Jerusalem Post Reporter

IF ANWAR SADAT knew El-Arish before the Israelis came in June 1967, he may have difficulty recognizing the sunbaked seaside Sinai town as he makes his triumphal re-entry there this weekend.

The breathtaking splendour of the emerald surf glistening through the palm trees on the beach is still the same as it was. The simple low-slung houses surrounded by sandy courtyards are still there. But other things changed as a result of the 12-year Israeli administration.

The human landscape has changed - and quite a bit. Naturally, a dozen years' rule by another people cannot change the age-old ethnic identification Sinai Arabs have with Egypt. Yet life for the man-on-the-street there has become more pleasant.

Winding up a "last-look-at-Sinai" swing through the peninsula recently, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Israel Katz said: "We are very proud of the work we have done in Sinai and would like to see the people there continue to achieve even greater social betterment."

"I invite my Egyptian counterparts, Labour and Transport Minister Muhammad Ahmad and Social Insurance Minister Amal Osman, to meet with me so that we might cooperate in the future. I am sure we could learn from the Egyptians things we still need to learn."

Though the question of continued Israeli fishing rights of the northern Sinai coast is far from settled, an even more acute problem is the fate of the 5,000 or so Egyptian region Arabs who have been employed in Israel - from hotel boys in Tel Aviv to factory workers in Kiryat Gat to tomato pickers in Yamit.

ALTRUISM aside, Israel needs these workers, and more like them, very badly. Besides being good workers, they are willing to do the jobs that most Jews turn down.

Being excellent workers, these Arabs eventually attracted Israeli business investors, and six Jewish-owned enterprises employing hundreds of workers were established in Sinai. These are Castillo Ltd., a furniture factory; Flunet Ltd., a feather processing plant; Interfood Ltd., a fish packing and marketing organisation; Tefranco Ltd., a fabric sewing contractor; a branch plant of Kitson Dimona Ltd., the textile manufacturer; and the Neot Sinai laundry.

All these firms except the laundry have dismantled their equipment and removed it after the Egyptians made it clear they do not intend the Israeli business enterprises to continue operating in their territory.

Even as the Israel and Egyptian joint committees met in El-Arish in the past two weeks, some 300 Arabs who had been working for Israeli employers reflected on the prospects of the future.

One of them said: "We have been earning between IL2,000 and IL2,500 a month in Israel in recent months. The jobs now being offered are as alternatives on this side of the border pay the equivalent of only \$30 to IL2,400 a month. We cannot live on that. It would mean subsisting on bread and tea. Otherwise, we shall have to apply for social welfare allowances."

A senior official at the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry told The Jerusalem Post: "When we entered El-Arish in 1967 it was a city of idle men, beggars sleeping in the streets, criminals and juvenile delinquents. Today, that sleepy, neglected

desert town has become a thriving economic oasis. Having been taught how to work and having been given work, the locals now have the wherewithal with which to pay for the buying spree now underway before the Egyptians take over.

"All durable goods - from brand new sedans to washing machines and refrigerators - are being bought up like rolls in a bakery. If the standard of living here has risen, then it is only as a result of the efforts we have expended in Sinai."

Those efforts include establishment of labour exchanges in El-Arish, Shikha Zuweid, Kissan and Kuseina, which have served more than 11,000 Sinai Arabs. Dozens of vocational training schools for boys and girls have been set up. Adult rehabilitation centres gave supposedly "broken" men and women hope to live as productive individuals.

"Israel," says Katz, "will not devitalize its vast programme of vocational training and rehabilitation in those sectors of Sinai where we shall remain for the time being."

Nor will the food-allocation programme be summarily halted by Israel in those places which will wait for later phases of the withdrawal schedule before returning to Egyptian sovereignty.

Witnessing one of the bi-monthly food-and-welfare cheque distributions in Sinai is an adventure in sociology. Once every 60 days, welfare is distributed in 20 points throughout the desert. We observed the remarkable ritual on a hot Thursday recently, on the slopes of a rocky knoll not far from the Santa Katarina Monastery.

The Beduin flow in from all directions - by camel or donkey, on foot or bicycle, or in Peugeot tenders.

NOT ALL Beduin are below the poverty line, making them eligible for Israel welfare allowance - full or partial. But every Beduin - rich or poor - may receive food rations. These are mostly American food supplies provided through the auspices of 15 world relief organizations.

The welfare cheques, which are provided by Israel taxpayers, comprise an annual debit to the state budget of approximately IL2.8m. The maximum, or full-subistence, payment is pegged at 40 per cent of the local (Northern Sinai) average wage. Thus, a Beduin family of four receives approximately IL610 per month, plus the regular food allowances.

As he pulled out his orange welfare eligibility card, one of the Beduin confided to us: "Under the Egyptians we received food but no cheques."

Soon he was standing in line, waiting his turn for the Arab clerk - an employee of the Sinai military government - to check the data on his orange card against the computer printout list which is updated every 60 days. After some routine questions about additional children, earnings and, possibly, deaths in the family since the last distribution, the clerk handed his cheque, also computer produced.

This he endorses or, if he cannot write, smudges with a thumb inked on a stamp pad. Then it is over to a man sitting at a folding bridge table set up under the solitary palm tree. This table is really a branch of the Postal Bank. In return for his endorsed cheque, the Beduin welfare client walks away with a roll of banknotes bearing the likenesses of Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion.

No orange card is needed to get the food allowances. Only an ID card is shown to the clerk, also an Arab civilian employee of the Israeli military government. Like the social worker, he checks the ID data against a computer readout. He then hands the Beduin back his ID card, and with it a batch of slips, each of a different colour.

White is for flour, blue for cooking oil, tan for rice, orange for sugar, yellow for soya meal, green for tea and lavender for powdered milk.

TEN TO THE pickup queues, which are not long because the distribution workers handle their jobs smoothly at their truckside stations. The flour is not weighed, but metered out by volume from a primitive shovel-like tin measuring cup. Cooking oil is poured from huge drums bearing the symbol of the U.S. Food for Peace programme into the empty plastic jugs or goatskin bottles

provided by the Beduin themselves. Mordochai Aviner, Minister Katz' aide for special duties, noted: "Besides the welfare cheques, we innovated something else when we took over in Sinai. Under the Egyptians, the food distribution was managed by the local sheikhs. To say the least, this led to abuses; in fact, we were stunned to find huge stockpiles of undistributed food supplies in sheikhs' homes in 1967."

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"There's more to this occasion than food and money," chimed in Sgan Aluf Ram Peri, area military governor. "This bi-monthly meeting has become the major social event of Southern Sinai's Beduin. Here, business deals are sealed, tribal tales are exchanged and - if the chemistry is right - Beduin boy meets Beduin girl and, you know, things just happen as a result of these gatherings."

Primitive or not, the Sinai Beduin listed with the Israel Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs receive the prescribed social welfare attention. Ministry social workers make their rounds in the desert and are welcomed to the indigent families' encampments where they sit in the tent and listen to problems and - hopefully - are able to offer solutions.

At a meeting with a small group of reporters in his modest headquarters office in El-Arish, the boyish-looking Commander of Sinai, Aluf Mishne Moshe Dehan, said: "We shall hand over all facilities to the Egyptians in good condition. Every school, community centre or other building and institution will be functioning at transfer time."

"After 12 years' administration by Israel, the people of Sinai have no doubt learned that there is no natural bar to Arabs and Jews living in harmony in this part of the world. And after we leave, I want the Sinai folk to have fond memories of the time of their lives they lived under Israeli administration."

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Tel Aviv Maccabi likely champions after final soccer games Saturday

By PAUL KOEN Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The final games of the 1978/79 soccer season take place this Saturday, with the National League championship at stake.

cern Petah Tikva Maccabi and Hadera Hapoel. One of these clubs will be relegated with the other continuing in the National League next season.

Tel Aviv Maccabi must start favorites for the title as they enter the last game with a two-point advantage over Jerusalem Betar, and with a home game against Haifa Hapoel.

Second division champions Ramat Gan Hakoah play in Haifa, while second-place Ramat Amidar travel to Tibneza. These games too could end in ties.

Table with 2 columns: Match, Score, and other details. Includes matches like Hadera Hapoel v. Petah Tikva Maccabi, Ramat Gan Hakoah v. Haifa Hapoel, etc.



U.S. gymnast appears to jump over a pyramid during a show given by the American team in Cairo. (AP radiophoto)

Israel cricket team deflated 126-85 by U.S. in qualifier

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — A batting collapse by Israel, in which six wickets fell for only 49 runs, gave the U.S. a comfortable 41-run victory on Monday evening in their opening match of the Prudential World Cricket Cup qualifying competition in the English Midlands.

While the cricket may not have been of the highest international class, British daily newspapers agreed yesterday that there was some keen and exciting play in the opening day's competition according to Reuters.

Israel's collapse is emphasized by the fact that tallener Barry Kampel, who defied 24 not out, contributed almost half of the runs scored by the last seven batsmen and saved his team from a complete debacle.

Commenting on the U.S. 41-run victory over Israel in Birmingham, "The Guardian" said: "It was good club-class cricket, and though it might not have brought the house down at Lord's, it was highly respectable for suburban Warwickshire."

Gush Dan youth tennis tournament ends in TA

Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — A total of 110 boys and girls took part in the Tel Aviv municipality education department's 9th annual schools tennis championships for pupils in the Dan region. The three-day meet at the Maccabi Tzafon courts, which ended yesterday, was held in cooperation with the Israel Tennis Association, with Edith Cohen-Mintz as tournament manager.

At the girls' events, winners were Liat Shemesh (under 12), Dana Berger (under 14) and Rakafet Binyamin (under 16). Corresponding boys' winners were Gilad Bloom, Amos Masudorf and Eilon Sinal, with Steve Rosenberg taking the under-15 title.

The much improved Yehud are not an easy team to beat on their own narrow ground, but no team is more likely to do it than Jerusalem Betar, which is accustomed to playing under similar conditions.

Int'l student sports event draws 800 here

Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Some 400 student athletes from abroad and a similar number of local student sportsmen have been competing this week in an international sports event sponsored by the student organization ASA.

Kagan, Soos draw in marathon chess game

LUCERNE, Switzerland (AP). — A marathon 10-hour, 120-move chess game between Israel's Shimon Kagan and West Germany's Bela Soos ended in a draw Tuesday night, in the third round of the European zone two chess tourney.

Advertisement for 'the gifted shop' featuring jewelry and gifts. Includes contact info for Beit Halachmi at 33 Pinkas Street, Tel Aviv.

A series of cartoon illustrations depicting various scenes, including a character with a hat, a character with a bag, and a character with a camera.

Advertisement titled 'WHAT'S ON' listing various events, museums, and exhibitions. Includes details about the Israel Museum, the Jewish Museum, and the Tel Aviv Museum.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION section listing programs for various channels including Educational, Hebrew, and Jordan TV.

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIEDS section containing various advertisements for dwellings, purchase/sale, situations vacant, insurance, travel, and vehicles.

ON THE AIR

ON THE AIR section listing radio programs for various stations like Gush Dan, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv.

CINEMAS

CINEMAS section listing movies and showtimes for various theaters in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Advertisement titled 'KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN! REPORT SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS'.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

TRAVEL INFORMATION section providing flight schedules, arrivals, and departures for various airlines.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

GENERAL ASSISTANCE section listing emergency services, pharmacies, first aid centers, duty hospitals, and sunset/sunrise times.

The decline of Nasser's star

WRITERS AND READERS/Sraja Shapiro

THE SIX DAY WAR would not have taken place had not Egypt's President Nasser run into domestic difficulties in 1965.

time when Egyptians felt frustrated and hopeless.

Nasser displayed a dream. It appeared to fall short of expectations. It was because he aimed too high, Shamir says.



Gamal Abdul Nasser

did obligate by forcing a cease-fire. A heart attack eventually killed Nasser from paying back the American debt.

But what exactly happened around 1965 which brought down Nasser's ascending star? This is the subject of a 370-page volume just published by the Shiloah Centre for African and Middle Eastern Studies...

Prof. Shimon Shamir, who prefaced "Yoridat Nasserism" (The Waning of Nasserism), believes Nasser was the leader of what in fact was a messianic movement.

THE ARGUMENT as to whether capital punishment is compatible with a humane society or not has been flagged to death.

We have been bombarded lately with arguments and counterarguments of the deterrent effect or otherwise of the death sentence. Most of the arguments, one way or the other, are based on pure theory...

What triggered off the arguments in a country in which only one person has been executed since its establishment 31 years ago was the recent decision of the government to withdraw a political directive to the attorney general to refrain from demanding the death sentence for terrorists.

In 1968, when the state was established, there were two kinds of capital punishment: for the heinous crime of murder; and for the illegal use and carrying of arms, or membership in a group which illegally carried or used arms.

The second type of death sentence was implemented 10 times by the British against members of the IZZ and the LEBEL (two underground organizations) caught carrying arms.

Both these death penalties remained in the statute book of the new

DEATH SENTENCE SAGA IN ISRAEL

LAW REPORT/Doris Lankin



Adolf Eichmann

The fact is, however, that even when the death sentence for murder remained on the statute book, and even though, after its abolition, the death penalty could still be invoked for offences against the security of the state and against the Jewish people...

out his death sentence a hangman had to be specially imported.

Then in 1967, after the Six Day War, under a proclamation made by the military government, in accordance with the Geneva Convention, a Security Regulation applicable to the territories of the West Bank was issued.

But since the death sentence had never been implemented, or even requested, in Israel (save for the Eichmann case), the government decided at the time that it would not be met to apply it in the West Bank either.

Under English constitution law, which has guided constitutional practice in Israel till now, it is

perfectly legitimate for the attorney general, although formally independent of the government, to take notice of the wishes of the government on sensitive political issues.

TWO WEEKS AGO, after the murder of a Nabatieh resident and his daughter by Arab terrorists, the present government decided that it was no longer politically expedient to refrain in principle from asking for the death sentence for terrorists.

In conclusion, what should be clearly understood is that the death penalty is not being introduced for the first time by the present government. It has existed for various crimes since the beginning of the state, but has merely not been implemented.

PRESUMPTUOUS PROGRAMME

MUSIC REVIEWS

SUNDAY CHAMBER CONCERT, Stanley Sperber conducting the Mizit Choir, Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir, five pianists (Jerusalem, Khan, May 24).

WHOEVER had the programme for this concert presumed considerable musicality in the audience. For instance, which Rossi set Psalm 90 as Monteverdi was on the programme, it had to be his contemporary Salamone the Jewish composer (1870-1938).

There was, however, nothing inadequate about the performance, though not all of it was at the same level.

However, Dr. Yisrael Altman, a Shiloah researcher, is not sure about the role the Brotherhood may seek in the near future. Their main danger lies in being a closely-knit clandestine organization.

able direction. Dividing up the choir so that half stood in the gallery and half on stage for the Schutz psalm gave a special timbre to the voices.

Good as the a-cappella singing was in the first items, the texture was enriched when Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir took a hand — or rather two and later four hands — at the piano for the Fauré, the two Schubert songs and the Brahms.

The pianists also played a Schubert Rondo with that gloss of exceptional coordination for which they have become so noted.

JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Gary Bertini, conductor; Shoshana Rudnik, piano; Mira Zakal, cello (Jerusalem, Khan, May 23).

THERE WAS something for everyone in the programme: a much-loved masterpiece, one of the finest 20th century concertos and a brand-new work commissioned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Rotary club in Israel.

Mark Kopytman produced an impressive work in his "Rotations," and if all of it had been as fine as the second half, one might be tempted to call it a major work.

A climax of trombones led into the second half and an ecstatic mood that did not need to resort to loudness. The strings had unusually lovely textures.

Shoshana Rudnik brought power and polish to Prokofiev's piano concerto. She knew when to be percussive and when to let her fingers sing.

Shoshana Rudnik brought power and polish to Prokofiev's piano concerto. She knew when to be percussive and when to let her fingers sing. Yet the general impression she conveyed was more of mastery than involvement.

DORA SOWDEN

MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING KOVETZ HATAKANOT Commodities and Services Control Order (Control of Building) 1979

Under powers granted me by Sections 5 and 15 of the Commodities and Services (Control) Law, 1957, I order as follows:

- 1. In this order — "the Minister" means the Minister of Construction and Housing; "construction" means every action to erect a building, lay foundations of a building, including excavation for construction, or the enlargement of the area of a building; "road surfacing" means earth work and road surfacing.

- 2. No one may start road surfacing or construction of any building which is not a permitted building, shall not commission another to start construction, and shall not act as a contractor to start construction, except in accordance with a permit issued by the Commission.

- 4. (a) A person who, before this order came into effect, started construction of a building which is a permitted building and is not an educational building, and who has not completed the work up to ground level prior to the order coming into effect, shall not continue with the construction, shall not commission someone else to continue with the construction, and shall not act as a contractor to continue the construction, except in order to complete the excavation work and other building work at the excavation site, up to ground level only.

- 5. (a) The setting up of a Commission of Experts is hereby authorized. (b) The Commission will be composed of representatives of the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Construction and Housing, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Transport.

- 8. (a) In deciding on the grant or refusal of a permit or the prohibition of road surfacing or construction under Section 7, the Commission will base its decision on a consideration of the following factors: (1) The extent to which the road surfacing or construction will serve the essential good of the public and the economy.

- 10. The instructions in this order are to be applied, in addition to all laws. 11. The instructions of this order will not apply to rehabilitation housing estates (in the context of the project to rehabilitate housing estates) or to the settlements and neighbourhoods listed in the addendum.

DAVID LEVI Minister of Construction and Housing

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EVERY THING IN ITS PLACE REPORT SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS!

## Over IL700m. was bagged by thieves Thefts up 11% in 1978

**By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — Although the "average" theft in 1978 was only IL6,000, ten cases were classified as involving more than IL2m. each according to information released by the insurance companies. There were 43,686 thefts (house breakings, burglaries, etc.) last year, an increase of 11 per cent over 1977.

The biggest theft was that of a fur store in Tel Aviv, from which thieves lifted furs valued at IL3,760,000. The second-biggest, of IL2,150,000, was of diamonds taken from the coat pockets of a merchant in Jerusalem.

Although the furs might have been heavy, and the diamonds light, in the third-biggest robbery the thieves broke open a container in the Greater Tel Aviv area and made off with 17 tons of coffee. Evidently weary of their efforts, (if it was the same gang), the next time they lifted diamonds valued at IL2m. from an apartment in Jerusalem. In another robbery a gang made off with diamonds and cash from a diamond

polishing plant in Ramat Gan for a total value of IL2.5m.

Another five thefts were of IL2m. each.

They were of electronic components from a warehouse in the Tel Aviv area; of whiskey, cloth, and sporting equipment from a bonded warehouse in Bat Yam; diamonds from another polishing plant in Ramat Gan; gold ingots and coins, and dollars from a warehouse in a basement in Jerusalem; and cash and diamonds from a private apartment in Ra'anana.

Lumping all 43,686 robberies together, the most sought after items were jewellery and cash. They make up about 23 per cent of the value of all thefts; followed by electric and electronic appliances, about 22 per cent of the value; followed by clothing and textiles, about 14 per cent. The rest was scattered.

However, in another 6,203 cases, thieves broke into flats or stores, found nothing worth stealing, and went away empty-handed.

The total value of all thefts last year was IL700m.

## 20 industrial states agree to cut down oil imports

**PARIS (UPI).** — Warning that the world was heading into a period of energy shortages, industrialized nations Tuesday decided at a ministerial session to "immediately" curtail oil import cuts and launch strenuous programmes of research of substitute energy resources.

Concluding a two-day session in Paris, energy ministers of the 20-nation International Energy Agency (IEA) warned that the Iranian emergency has thrown world oil markets out of balance and that "immediate and strong action is urgently needed."

In a slowly unannounced additional warning at a news conference, U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said that if the free world failed to adjust to the rapidly dwindling oil supplies through saving and development of new resources, its democratic society would be shaken by the worst economic and labour crisis since the great depression of the 1930s.

Heeding the multiple doomsday warnings, the ministers announced that they will "take immediate and particular steps" to implement their standing, three-month-old pledge to reduce their oil imports by 2 million barrels per day, or about 9 per cent of the IEA area consumption.

The ministers said that the cutbacks will be achieved through higher price tags for both industrial and private oil users, voluntary saving programmes such as highway speed limits and lower temperatures in homes and offices, all possibly backed by mandatory actions if simple prodding would fail.

The ministers decided to try to save more oil for the cold winter months by cutting down steeply increased consumption of gasoline by

tourists during the summer holiday season.

The ministers "stressed the need for greater international cooperation in resolving world energy supply problems and the need for equitable distribution of available oil." This pledge was made at the request of some smaller, weaker IEA members who have been complaining of being crowded out in the current scramble for oil on the world market.

For the time being, however, the ministers brushed aside a request by Sweden to put into effect the oil-IEA mechanism to overcome its current shortfall. The majority of delegates felt Sweden should easily find the estimated 80,000 tons of oil it says it lacks a day and that a highly-publicized unleashing of the oil-sharing device would spark a fresh panic buying of oil on the free market where prices already are twice as high as prices posted by the oil cartel, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

(Bulgarian curbs — Page 6)

**Architects argue about Jerusalem**

**HAIFA.** — An international workshop of architecture teachers and students devoted to the development of the area between east and west Jerusalem is to be held under the auspices of the Technion's Architecture and Town Planning Faculty in August.

Technion spokesman Ben-Ami Kohn announced yesterday that the workshop, to be attended by over 100 teachers and first advanced students from architecture schools in the U.S., Canada, Britain and Germany, and from the Technion, will be part of the Jerusalem Year events.



This is the "Della" smile used by an enterprising insurance company to beguile personable young men to try their luck as agents.

## Snaring the insurance agent who will later snare customers

**By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — If you're a good-looking, energetic man and have paid a recent visit to the Modern Living Fair at the Exhibition Grounds here, you may have been accosted by one of the attractive employees of the Shimshon Insurance Company in an innovative attempt to recruit insurance agents.

Following the Biblical precedent, the female recruiters have been dubbed "Samsons' Dellias." The project has proved quite successful, and won the company many new

## Inflation hits Eastern Europe

**VIENNA.** — Eastern Europe is threatened by an economic crisis. The ideology of the zero rate of unemployment and the zero rate of unemployment cannot be implemented efficiently in a world where energy prices rise, raw materials are at a premium and political ideals fail to inspire people to the necessary efficiency.

Rumania is the latest in a series of East European countries which have increased basic prices. The cost of fruit, tinned vegetables, fish products, jam, coffee substitute and spice rose by 33 per cent this month. In March the prices of washing machines and stoves went up.

Poland is also raising its prices, but with more care and subtlety. The last major effort to raise food prices resulted in riots. Food is indeed artificially cheap, but with a lack of choice of consumer goods the Poles, who earn relatively well, have little else to buy.

The government has found a way round this with a system of "extra shops," where an experiment has been made. Only sporadically available at regular butchers, can be bought at twice the normal price. The experiment has succeeded. The queues at these special shops in the major cities often stretch round the blocks.

This is one way in which the Polish economy is trying to shed the multi-million burden of meat subsidies which weighs heavy on the national debt, which, according to industrial sources, has reached \$15 billion.

In neighbouring East Germany the supply problems have reached a stage where the authorities fear rioting if the situation worsens. The queues for normal supplies are said to be longer than they were at the end of World War II. New regulations introduced by the East German authorities forbid Western journalists to ask the man-in-the-street what he thinks about the situation.

In Hungary the economic problems have officially been admitted. The Party newspaper has reported on projects which have not been completed according to plan because of the lack of building capacity and failure to deliver parts on time.

Hungary, whose economy is both the most successful and the most Western-orientated of the East European countries, has a healthy agricultural system. This means that the shops are fuller, the consumer has more choice and as a result is less restless than his neighbours who come over the border in hordes to buy.

Hungary, like Poland, has achieved a reasonable standard of living in which the consumer is becoming increasingly irritated by the lack of choice and quality in consumer goods. The Hungarians are manufacturing American jeans under license — 90 per cent for the home market, 10 per cent for export in order to earn the foreign exchange, lack of which is the key to much that is wrong with the East European economies.

Poland builds Fiat cars under licence. In order to save part of the

acute shortfall in the building industry, there are an increasing number of contracts with West European building companies, in particular in Britain and Scandinavia, for the building of office accommodation and hotels in the various capitals. This capacity is mostly for use by foreigners.

The zero rate of unemployment has been generally maintained, but the problem of employment of labour remains unsolved. While workers are desperately needed in the building industry, others are employed in factories where they have nothing to do because the raw materials are lacking.

The East European economic crisis is aggravated by the mounting energy shortage. Eastern Europe is mainly dependent for oil and natural gas supplies on the Soviet Union. Poland and Czechoslovakia, however, have considerable coal reserves and both countries have plans for chains of atomic power stations.

Rather than cut exports to the West, and thus sacrifice foreign exchange income, the energy-exporting countries are cutting back supplies to their Communist partners. But Russia's attempts to raise oil and gas prices was promptly countered by Hungary, which "devalued" the ruble to keep the price steady.

Petrol shortages, on a scale similar to that in the West are unlikely to affect Eastern Europe, simply because there are so few private cars. But the general squeeze is felt across the iron curtain border. (OFPS)

## Private investment in British Airways

**Post Aviation Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — A major sale of British Airways stock to private investors is predicted following the election in England of a Conservative government.

British Airways Chairman Sir Frank McPherson reportedly favours such a sale, convinced that BA would benefit if it were disentangled from politics.

Meanwhile, Gerry Draper, BA director of commercial operations, plans to expand service to the Pacific area, including the Philippines, Korea, and China. London sources say that new routes to the Far East might include Israel as a stopover point.

BA is trying to speed development since the closing of the El Al route to Teheran.

## Aviation head says Israel charters legal

**By BARUCH SAVILLE  
Post Aviation Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — "Maof's European charter, operated by its Charter No. 1 subsidiary, are conducted in accordance with Israel's charter regulations," Naftali Ben-Yehuda, head of the civil aviation administration, declared this week.

"Accordingly, there is no reason to withdraw Maof's operating licence."

The charters (to Germany and the United Kingdom), the first ever from Israel, were challenged by the foreign airlines operating in Israel. They claimed that due to the type of

accommodation offered travellers their operation was not legal. The charters offer lodging in one-star hotels, hostels and private homes.

Israeli regulations for charter flights specify that accommodation "includes a stay in a boarding house, hostel, guest house, rest home, or similar, providing lodging for remuneration for five or more persons within a 24-hour period."

The foreign airlines do not intend to accept Ben-Yehuda's interpretation of the charter regulations and will attempt to seek legal loopholes.

## Coastal poultrymen want subsidies too

**By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — Poultry farmers in the coastal area have turned to the Knesset Finance Committee for help against what they term discriminatory steps taken by the Agriculture Ministry.

At a press conference here yesterday Emanuel Friedlander, the secretary general of the Farmers Union (Imud Hakail) — an independent farmers' organisation, claimed that the veteran farmers he represented were actually the ones who introduced modern poultry farming to Israel in the 1950s. "Now that these farmers are in their sixties and seventies, they are forced by the government to discontinue their work in this branch," he said.

He charges that the government is giving hill region farmers preferential treatment. All farmers have to sell their eggs at a loss, now. But farmers in the hill areas are being compensated by the government for their losses.

Friedlander also quoted from the recent Comptroller's Report to show that coastal area farmers produce less than their quotas, while the hill region farmers are over-producing — and thus causing the glut in the market.

Friedlander believes that if the government cracked down on over-producers, then both the hill region and coastal-region farmers could make a decent living. The farmers need at least 20 agorot per egg more, to make a profit.

## El Al takes 3,000 stranded passengers

**By BARUCH SAVILLE  
Post Travel Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — The cancellation of Tower Travels' charter flights from New York to Israel may force El Al to transport at reduced rates passengers who have already booked on the charters.

If the U.S. Aviation Authority permits, El Al may carry approximately 3,000 passengers on its New York to Tel Aviv flights at some \$300 less than other passengers. Although El Al sources say this would not be a financial loss, travellers paying full fare may complain about someone next to them flying so much

cheaper.

Charter passengers would travel only on a "stand-by" basis — taking up seats that are available on the day of travel, or not previously booked.

The legal representative of Tower Travel, Ramon Carl, obtained a court order calling on the transport minister to show cause why he negated the Tower Travel charter agreement due to their being operated on Shabbat. The order, it is understood, would be cancelled if the U.S. authorities approve the transport of the charter passengers on regular El Al flights.

## Court appeal saves Zim millions in retroactive car allowance

**By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**HAIFA.** — The National Labour Court on Tuesday reversed a decision by the Haifa District Labour Court, according to which Zim had to pay its staff monthly car allowances at preferred rates, without any obligation on the part of the staffers to record their trips.

The decision, handed down by the president of the National Court, Judge Zvi Bar-Niv, presiding over a five-man bench, obliges staffers to record each trip if they want to qualify for the higher allowance, or make do with the lower rate if they refuse to record their journeys. The two rates were fixed by the Civil Service for government employees.

The two scales were introduced as a result of the Income Tax Reform of July 1975. Zim for some time continued paying the higher allowance without demanding detailed records. But in April 1977, the management informed the staff of its decision to bring the allowance in line with the Civil Service procedure.

The staff objected and asked labour attorney Yisrael Gil to take Zim to court over the issue. One of the workers' main arguments was that the whole subject of recording car trips was in fact a fiction, amounting to a mutual agreed lie, which should be done away with. Haifa Labour Court Judge Eliezer Kanfi ruled in their favour, and ordered Zim to pay them the higher allowance without the need for records.

Zim's lawyer, Avraham Anaby, appealed the ruling to the National Court, which is the High Court of labour affairs. He argued that the double scale was quite legal because it is based on written procedure which the management had made known to the staff. This procedure authorized Zim to limit, or even cancel car allowances. It thus amounted to individual agreements with each staff member, permitting management to change conditions.

The National Court accepted this argument and rejected the staff's claim that Zim had not acted in a bona fide manner, noting that the government followed the same procedure.

The court's decision will save Zim millions of pounds in back pay for car allowances to several hundred staff members.

### FUND RATES

May 23, 1978

FUND	TRUSTEE	UNIT PRICE	REDEMPTION PRICE
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ALON	DISCOUNT	502.78	492.66
ALMOG	HAPDOLIM	182.43/xd	178.82/xd
BARAK	BARCLAYS DIS.	182.16	178.48
BAREKET	MIZRAHI	384.90	378.28
BODLACH	BANK LEUMI	146.60	143.03
BROSH	DISCOUNT	188.17	189.39
EGOT	DISCOUNT	186.09	183.36
EITAN	HAPDOLIM	386.70	379.10
EREZ	HAPDOLIM	185.29	182.94
ESHEL	DISCOUNT	186.25	184.34
BEKEL	DISCOUNT	183.85	181.48
DOLEV	DISCOUNT	634.83	622.07
GAVISH	BANK LEUMI	189.32	186.58
GOREN	AMER IS	288.77	284.07
HAKAMISH	MIZRAHI	122.26	119.87
ITIT	MIZRAHI	126.89	124.07
INBAR	BANK LEUMI	187.29	186.64
LANAT	BANK LEUMI	205.49	201.48
MAAYAN	F.I.B.I.	181.70	180.58
MAOF	F.I.B.I.	472.59	463.58
MAROM	F.I.B.I.	225.72	221.88
MEIMAD	F.I.B.I.	216.71	213.44
NATIF	MIZRAHI	245.79	239.34
OPHIR	BANK LEUMI	617.15	606.00
OREN	DISCOUNT	180.79/xd	178.18/xd
ORION	BARCLAYS DIS.	184.95	181.78
PIA	BANK LEUMI	148.29	145.47
RESHEFF	HAPDOLIM	276.73	270.28
SELA	MIZRAHI	203.19	198.89
SHAHAM	MIZRAHI	245.04/xd	240.21/xd
SHAKED	DISCOUNT	176.78	172.92
SHAMIR	BANK LEUMI	145.13	143.29
SHARIT	HAPDOLIM	384.59	379.04
TARSHISH	BANK LEUMI	310.08	308.28
TOPAZ	BANK LEUMI	184.19	181.18
TZABAR	HAPDOLIM	676.31	663.48
TZAMID	BANK LEUMI	188.10	185.41
YAHALOM	UNION	140.94	138.14
ZONAR	UNION (AMBAN)	140.94	138.14

\*Data not supplied (1) Ex dividends (2) Ex Bonus

**TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY**

**Ceremony of naming the Faculty of Life Sciences for George S. Wise**  
in the presence of  
Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of the Interior

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Lecturer: Prof. Abel Schejter: PURE SCIENCE AS A PRACTICAL ENDEAVOUR

Seating through Gate No. 1. Due to the postal disruptions, personal invitations have not been sent. Please regard this notice as a personal invitation.

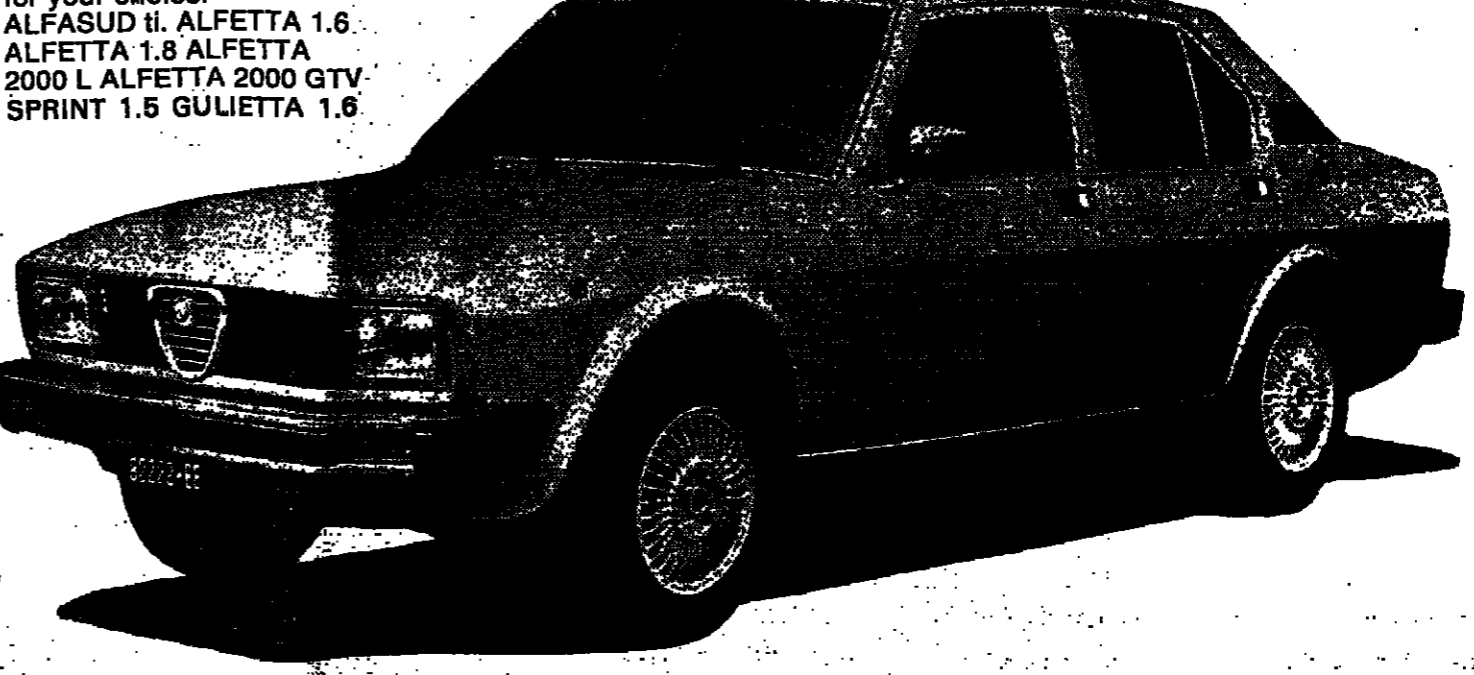
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Linked bonds steady in moderate trading

TEL AVIV. — In a day of moderate trading, yesterday, shares were mixed and index-linked bonds were steady in most options.

One result which stood out yesterday was the dramatic slump of Bank Hapoalim stocks, which lost 158 points over the course of the day's trading.

The tendency which was beginning to emerge on Tuesday for index-linked bonds to improve was not altogether confirmed yesterday.

In equities, apart from Hapoalim's dramatic dive, the general picture was one of non-movement. Gains and losses were slight with Leumi up 3 points, and IDB improving by 1 point.

Mortgage banks were also steady with only one stock standing out in a general picture of

Stocks & bonds — the market report

By ALAN BLASNER Jerusalem Post Reporter

small swings in either direction. This belonged to Carmel, which was 4.9 per cent off at 291.

The dominant tendency in shares in insurance was downwards. Zur b, which has been fluctuating wildly over the past few days, followed a 16-point gain on Tuesday by dropping 20 points yesterday, finishing 5.1 per cent lower at 376.

Both commercial services and utilities and

land, building and development were mixed but most equities demonstrated a degree of stability. Two good results were those achieved by ICP and Pri Or, the former soaring by 84 points to 1,744 and the latter jumping 47 points to 907.

Industrials were also mixed. Ata stock was not traded as the company announced results. However, Dead Sea, which benefited from a 23-point increase on Tuesday continued its upward march, adding a further 36 points or 7 per cent yesterday to 547.

There were few orders in foreign currency shares. One of the few that was Unico "A", which increased by 6.8 per cent to 236.

Lapidot b followed Tuesday's 90-point gain with a 110-point slump yesterday to close down 7.9 per cent at 1,280.

Table with columns: Company Name, Change, Volume, Closing Price. Lists various stocks like Petrochem, ICP, Zur b, etc.

Representative bond prices

Table with columns: Bond Name, Price, Change. Lists various government and corporate bonds.

New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices - May 23

Dow Jones Industrial Average: 2,374.00, down 7.97

Volume: 30,550,000

Table with columns: Stock Name, Closing Price, Change. Lists various NYSE stocks like Allied Chemical, Amstar, etc.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Large table with columns: Company Name, Change, Volume, Closing Price. Lists Tel Aviv stocks like O.H.R., I.D.B., etc.

Most active shares

Table with columns: Share Name, Change, Volume, Closing Price. Lists active shares like Leumi, Delek, etc.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates — May 23

Table with columns: Currency, Rate in Israeli pounds. Lists rates for U.S. dollar, British sterling, etc.

HOTEL HAPPENINGS

LAROMME HOTELS has "gone international" by signing an agreement with Loews International Corp. to give the Laromme hotels in Eilat and Tel Aviv international sales and promotion backing.

Tour agents ready for borders with Egypt to be opened

By BARUCH SAVILE Post Travel Reporter TEL AVIV. — The VIP Travel and Tours Company has through the efforts of its founder and managing director, Walter Arbib, become associated with Emeco, a big Egyptian travel company.

Help close the social gap' Hammer tells Weizmann Institute graduates

REHOVOT. — Education Minister Ze'ev Hammar yesterday called on 108 graduating students of the Weizmann Institute here to contribute "not only to the advancement of science, but also to closing the gap between Oriental and European Jews in this country."

FOREIGN CURRENCY section with exchange rates for various countries and currencies.

Workers on English Telephone Directory advertisement from Ministry of Communications.

HAIFA DIAMOND CENTRE LTD. advertisement for diamond sales and services.

ZOHAR Rent a car advertisement offering 50% reduction on daily rate.

ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK advertisement listing various financial services.

Ministry of Transport advertisement regarding road closures and traffic restrictions.

TELE-AMIV UNIVERSITY APOLOGY advertisement regarding a disruption at the Bar Shira Auditorium.

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The peace of Jerusalem

TODAY ISRAEL MARKS the twelfth anniversary of the beginning of a period of Jerusalem's history the like of which Israel's and the Jewish people's capital have never before enjoyed.

Egypt's President Anwar Sadat therefore is not contributing to — but rather is hindering — the peace process to which he is partner, when he ominously says, as he did at Cairo's Ein Shams University on April 16: "Arabs and Moslems — and there are 800 million of them — will never accept Israeli sovereignty over Arab Jerusalem under any circumstances. We will never renounce our historical rights in Jerusalem."

Jerusalem is no more "Arab" than, for example, Paris is as a result of having so many Arabs living there. If, by "historical rights," he means political rights — the Arabs gained such rights here by conquest and lost them by failed attempts to conquer more.

Ironically, the civil and political rights of the Arab residents of Jerusalem — as opposed to Arab political "rights" over Jerusalem — have existed in any meaningful sense of the term only since the reunification of Jerusalem under Israeli democratic rule.

Neither were the prospects of peace in our region enhanced when, shortly after the peace treaty was signed in Washington, Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Hassan Taha threatened a march of a million Moslems on Jerusalem in order to "liberate" what he called "the Holy City of the Moslems."

Finally, the peace process is by no means helped along by leaders and pundits in Western countries who see nothing wrong in Israel being spoken to in this manner by her new partner in peace. One can only suspect that it is not the peace of Jerusalem that they have in mind, but something else altogether, something that does not involve a "just peace" at all, but reeks of ego and fuel tanks.

Polarization in Canada

THERE IS nothing more natural in democratic politics than an electorate deciding to oust a party — like Canada's Liberals — that has held power for 16 years; or to turn its back on a flamboyant but autocratic leader — like Pierre-Elliott Trudeau — who has headed the Canadian federal government for the past 11 years.

Tuesday's federal election in Canada will, however, in all likelihood have deeper implications for that country than the mere replacement of the Liberals by the Progressive Conservatives and of the urbane Trudeau by political novice Joe Clark, as Premier.

The distribution of the vote would seem to indicate that English Canada voted overwhelmingly for the Progressive Conservatives while the Liberals lost a good part of their support outside their traditional mainstay, French-speaking Quebec.

The installation of a P-C cabinet in keeping with that party's tradition of staffing its cabinets exclusively with English-speaking ministers would seem to bode ill for the prospects of continuing to keep Canada united in the face of the challenge being mounted by the Quebec francophone separatists.

Quebec Premier Rene Levesque's Party Quebecois provincial government has announced its intention of submitting the question of Quebec's fate to a provincial referendum during its term of office.

The holding of such a referendum, whose exact phrasing can be expected to be tailored to the results desired by the framers, at a time that a P-C cabinet is in power in Ottawa cannot but have a polarizing effect on Canada's politics, and on its future.

U.S. FEARS OVER AUTONOMY TALKS

Two against one are tough odds for Israel to overcome in the autonomy negotiations which open at Beersheba tomorrow, writes The Post's Washington Correspondent, WOLF BLITZER.

U.S. OFFICIALS are concerned about the Palestinian autonomy negotiations that open tomorrow at Beersheba.

Publicly, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and other officials have played down the well-publicized differences between the Israeli and Egyptian interpretations of the Camp David framework. They have insisted that negotiations always open with "maximum" positions. This is to be expected.

But privately, the Americans fear the worst. Israel's tough attitude, as reflected in the officially leaked versions of the cabinet's negotiating guidelines, is a "retreat" from the principles of Camp David, according to U.S. officials.

Their hope, however, is that this stance represents bargaining tactics more than rock-bottom principles. Otherwise, they see little way out.

From Israel's standpoint, a major problem going into these negotiations is Cairo's differing interpretations on nearly all the sensitive matters involving the meaning of "full autonomy" for the Palestinians as envisaged at Camp David. In the triangular talks about to start, this represents a significant weakening of Israel's negotiating strength. Two against one are difficult odds to overcome.

Yet, during the final stages of the peace treaty negotiations, Israel itself agreed that the U.S. should be a "full partner" in these talks, even though no such U.S. role was foreseen at Camp David.

From the first moments that word of the Camp David framework accords was announced on September 17, the U.S. has not hidden the fact that it favors as broad a scope for autonomy as possible. But, knowing

this, Israel agreed in the "side letter" on the autonomy negotiations signed by President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin on March 28 that "the United States Government will participate fully in all stages of negotiations."

DURING THE early stages of the forthcoming talks, the U.S. will not put forward its own proposals, preferring to wait and see whether any substantial narrowing of the Israeli and Egyptian differences can be thrashed out around the table.

But that does not mean that the American negotiators will remain silent during these early talks. Since the Americans were present when the original framework was devised at Camp David, they will certainly be called on to offer their views on several of the crucial issues.

In preparing for the talks, the Americans went over all the legislative history of the various clauses in the framework, fearing that Israel, and to a lesser degree, Egypt, may be trying to back out of what they regard as earlier commitments.

Perhaps the most significant difference between Washington (and Cairo) and Jerusalem involves the nature of "full autonomy."

"You can't divide the land from the people who live on it," one senior U.S. policy-maker said.

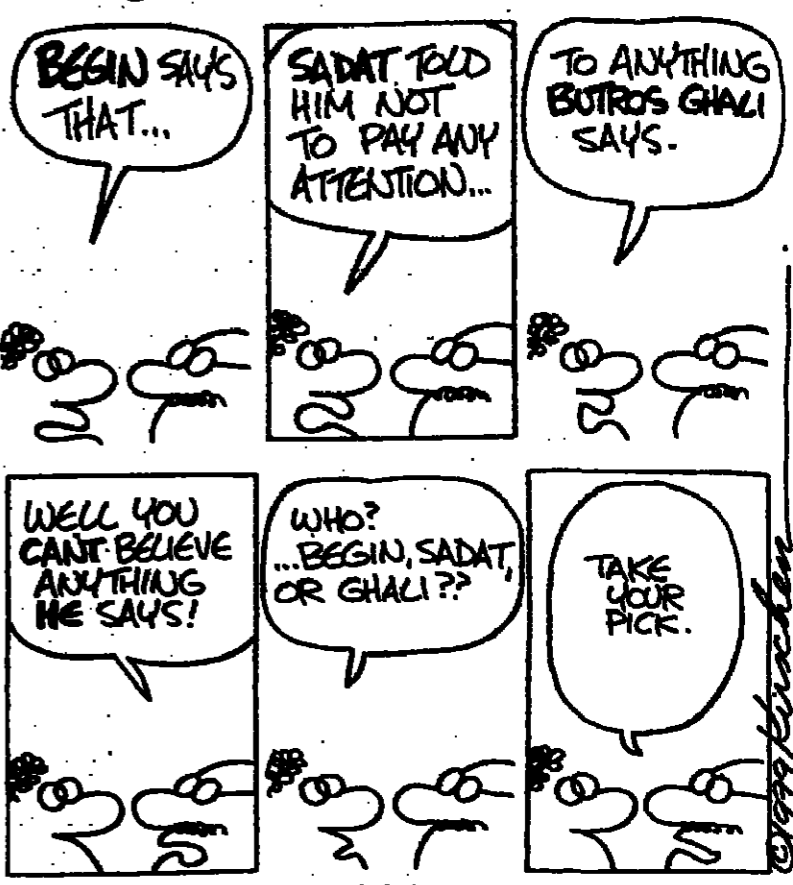
At the same time, the U.S. rejects the Israeli view that the military government will remain the source of law and authority on the West Bank and Gaza.

U.S. OFFICIALS, in rejecting the Israeli interpretation of autonomy, suggest that interested parties reread the Camp David accords. To them, the words are clear.

"In order to provide full autonomy to the inhabitants," the agreement states, "under these arrangements the Israeli military government and its civilian administration will be withdrawn as soon as a self-governing authority has been freely elected by the inhabitants of these areas to replace the existing military government."

This means, according to U.S. officials, that authority on the West Bank and Gaza will pass from the military government to the new "administrative council," which will indeed have the ability to make laws.

Dry Bones



The use of the word "governing," one source in Washington said, suggests the ability to pass legislation.

The Camp David framework specifically noted that the new arrangements "should give due consideration... to the principle of self-government by the inhabitants of these territories."

All these differences do not mean that Israel and the U.S. have no common points. There are several areas of agreement — the most important, from Israel's standpoint, being the U.S. acceptance that Israel can retain its military forces on the West Bank and Gaza beyond the five-year period.

But even here, there is an important difference. Washington has never stated how much longer after the five years the troops can remain — a few weeks? a few months? a few years? or is it open-ended?

Negotiations will proceed slowly during the early weeks, which are due to be completed in one year. But the Americans have not ruled out the possibility that some moderate West Bank and Gaza Palestinians may join the process.

Indeed, Washington has high hopes that some influential Gazans may participate at an early stage. But the Americans believe that the only way the talks can be widened will be for the Palestinians to see some progress, some hope. And that will mean Israel having to move away from its opening stance.

THESE FUNDAMENTAL differences will also have their impact when the parties get down to discussing other sensitive issues,

The 'gimme' mentality

The Post's LEA LEVAVI chides disabled demonstrators for turning to the State for aid before they attempt to help themselves.

DURING the two weeks before the authorities stepped up the struggle to evict demonstrators, disabled persons from the Finance Ministry, the "invalids" broke windows with one hand while holding out the other for help.

Somehow, it never occurred to anyone to ask why people who have the ability to hold up traffic and to cause property damage, don't use their physical and mental capacities for something more constructive — like helping themselves.

True, in a country where buying a car is almost as expensive as buying an apartment, those disabled persons for whom a car is the only possible means of mobility should receive assistance in the form of reduced taxes. It is also understandable that a person who is too disabled to do his or her own housework should have some homemaker services available.

However, particularly in view of our difficult economic situation, the philosophy should be, "First I'll try to help myself, and when I absolutely can't deal with the problem anymore, I'll go to the government."

Instead, the philosophy here is, "First I'll ask for help and then, if I have no choice, maybe I'll help myself."

IN THE U.S., proponents of better rehabilitation programmes have always won over legislators with the slogan "let's take the disabled off the relief rolls and put them on the taxpayer rolls." Here, disabled persons lobby for tax exemptions, and there are certain groups of handicapped persons who pay no income tax at all no matter how much they earn.

The disabled demonstrators said over and over again that their principal demand is for their rights to be set down in a law. They don't talk about the right to equal education, or employment in accordance with their abilities, or the right to be accepted in society as equals. The "rights" for which they broke windows and jammed traffic are all handouts in one form or another.

Unfortunately, this mentality of "it's coming to me" is not limited to the handicapped. Our enthusiasm for statehood has turned all of us into passive citizens who expect "them" — the government, the city, the Jewish Agency — to solve our problems for us.

Perhaps if all of us would use our hands to solve our own problems, before we hold them out for help from the public treasury, we could cure some of our economic and social ills.

READERS' LETTERS

THE TRUTH ABOUT VIETNAM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I don't know what sort of journalist Harish Chandola purports to be, but his recent article ("If you can't beat them, join them," May 11) amounted to nothing more than free propaganda, in The Jerusalem Post, for the vicious Communist regime in Vietnam.

The article, which paints the Communist rulers as kindly, warmhearted folk, is tragic, because it indicates that, once again, a savage Communist regime is going to be whitewashed in the Western press.

What of the "good will towards the new regime" Chandola mentions? Can he seriously not have heard of the thousands upon thousands of boat people streaming from Vietnam's shores, impelled by terror of the Communists and the re-education camps to risk their lives on the high seas in a desperate lunge at freedom? How can he so callously cheapen their suffering by not even mentioning these martyrs?

Chandola would have learned a lot more, I daresay, had he made a trip to Afula, where any of the 100 refugees who escaped with their lives could have told him something far more like the truth about life in Vietnam today.

JEFF JACOBY  
Alon Shrut.

AMENDING HALACHA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In Rabbi Dolgin's letter of May 9 in which he attempts to defend clerical efforts to drag Israel back to the Middle Ages, he cites Halacha several times, but in doing so conveniently overlooks an important point.

Halacha is not an unchanging doctrine. There was a period when it was constantly amended to bring Judaism abreast of contemporary conditions. The last such change was the ban on polygamy around 1,000 years ago; previously, Halacha had not only permitted polygamy, it was an accepted practice among the Patriarchs.

Unfortunately, since the Middle Ages, Halacha has remained frozen and, as a result, there are many injustices and absurd practices.

MENACHEM GOLDBERG  
Beersheba

COBRECTION

In the letter of Haim Samet, the Adviser to the Minister of Justice, which appeared in yesterday's Jerusalem Post, the opening sentence should have read: "The Minister of Justice, Shmuel Tamir, never claimed that the government's decision was due only to the need to right the situation from a judicial point of view." The word "only" was omitted.

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